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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1478

Introduced by Assembly Member Frommer

February 22, 2005

An act relating to gaming to add Section 4643.4 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1478, as amended, Frommer. ~~Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund: pilot program.~~ *Developmental services: autism spectrum disorders.*

Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, establishes the State Department of Developmental Services and sets forth its duties and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the administration and oversight of the state developmental centers and programs relating to persons with developmental disabilities. Existing law requires the department to allocate funds to private nonprofit regional centers for the provision of community services and support for persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

Existing law requires the department to develop evaluation and diagnostic procedures for the diagnosis of autism disorder and other autistic spectrum disorders.

This bill would, in addition, require the department to develop a blueprint for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders and to disseminate the information to parents.

~~Existing law creates in the State Treasury the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for the receipt and deposit of moneys received by the state from Indian tribes pursuant to the terms of those gaming~~

~~compacts and authorizes moneys in those funds to be used for certain purposes.~~

~~This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation allocating an unspecified amount of money from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for the establishment of a pilot program that would allow local Indian tribes to work with local school districts and local institutions of higher education to develop regionally specific educational programs regarding the history and culture of local Indian tribes.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4643.4 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 4643.4. (a) The department, in consultation with the State
4 Department of Education, the Department of Managed Health
5 Care, the Department of Insurance, the State Department of
6 Health Services, the State Department of Social Services, the
7 State Department of Mental Health, and other agencies as
8 appropriate, shall develop a blueprint for the treatment of autism
9 spectrum disorders in children that shall include, at a minimum,
10 all of the following:
11 (1) An identification and description of the different types of
12 interventions appropriate for autism spectrum disorders,
13 including, but not limited to, all of the following:
14 (A) Speech and language therapy.
15 (B) Behavioral therapy.
16 (C) Play therapy.
17 (D) Occupational therapy.
18 (E) Psychotherapy.
19 (F) Medication.
20 (G) Tutoring.
21 (2) An identification of the types of interventions that would be
22 recommended as best practices according to the age and the
23 particular needs of the consumer, based on the type of autism
24 spectrum disorder. To the extent possible, the blueprint shall
25 build upon the work already undertaken by the department in

1 *producing its Autism Spectrum Disorders Best Practice*
2 *Guidelines for Screening, Diagnosis and Assessment.*

3 (3) *For each type of intervention, an identification or*
4 *description of the type of provider of the service, indicating*
5 *whether there are special licenses or certifications required of*
6 *the service provider.*

7 (4) *For each type of intervention, an identification of the*
8 *potential sources available to pay for the intervention, including*
9 *private health insurance, public health coverage programs,*
10 *special education, developmental center and regional center*
11 *funding, other public funding, and private payment.*

12 (b) *In developing the blueprint, the department shall seek*
13 *input from experts in a variety of disciplines including, but not*
14 *limited to, all of the following:*

15 (1) *Education.*

16 (2) *Special education.*

17 (3) *Mental health.*

18 (4) *County health services.*

19 (5) *Parents*

20 (6) *Speech and language therapists.*

21 (7) *Occupational therapists.*

22 (8) *Behavioral therapists.*

23 (9) *Regional centers.*

24 (10) *Health insurance.*

25 (c) *The department shall disseminate the information*
26 *contained in the blueprint in ways that are designed to maximize*
27 *its usefulness to parents seeking services for their children.*
28 *Examples for dissemination may include development of a*
29 *brochure that can be provided to parents and a poster that can*
30 *be displayed by providers.*

31 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
32 ~~legislation allocating an unspecified amount of money from the~~
33 ~~Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for the establishment~~
34 ~~of a pilot program that would allow local Indian tribes to work~~
35 ~~collaboratively with local school districts and local institutions of~~
36 ~~higher education to develop regionally specific educational~~
37 ~~programs regarding the history and culture of local Indian tribes.~~
38 ~~The pilot program would serve as a model for other jurisdictions~~
39 ~~in the state to develop regionally specific educational programs~~

- 1 ~~that may be voluntarily incorporated into the curricula of local~~
- 2 ~~school districts.~~

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